

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for detecting the presence of a workpiece carrier in a predetermined track portion of a workpiece carrier transporting path has a housing, a slider which is displaceably guided in the housing and is displaced by the workpiece carrier, at least one proximity switch which is releasable by the slider, two turning elements provided with teeth and arranged on the housing, each of the turning elements being supported turnably around an axis provided on the housing, the turning elements being in tooth engagement with one another, the turning elements being also in tooth engagement with linear tooth sets provided on opposite sides of the slider and extending in a linear displacement direction.